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Flood Update

Chippewa River Update

Thursday, September 11, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, the Chippewa River gauge at Grand Avenue read 766.3, which is approximately six and seven tenths (6.7) feet below the downtown flood stage of elevation 773. Lower sections of the Chippewa River Trail in the city of Eau Claire are currently closed and are projected to remain closed until the middle of next week.

Based on recent rain in the upper watershed, the National Weather Service is forecasting the river elevation to rise to 769.0 at Grand Avenue on Saturday. At this projected elevation, flooding is expected in the lower areas of Owen Park and lower sections of the Chippewa River Trail, including some bridge underpasses. Additional rainfall may prolong the closure.

The City will continue to monitor the river closely and report information as it is obtained. Residents along or near the river are also asked to monitor nearby river conditions in order to have as much advanced warning of those changes. Information is available on the City web site at www.eauclairewi.gov. For further information about this news release or river elevations, please contact the City of Eau Claire, Department of Public Works at (715) 839-4934.

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